

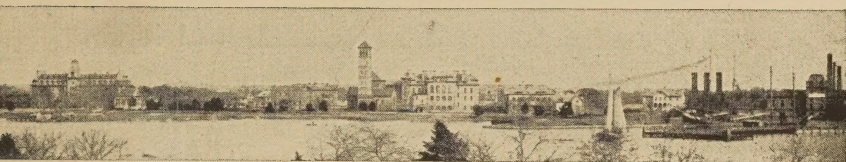
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A FEW FACTS

ABOUT THE



HAMPTON INSTITUTE,

HAMPTON, VIRGINIA.

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute,

H. B. FRISSELL, Principal.

History The Hampton Institute was founded by General S. C. Armstrong soon after the war. He had been a leader of Negro troops and believed, what has since been proven true, that the great need of the colored people was industrial training—an education of the hands as well as the head—and it was for this that he founded the Hampton Institute. He chose a beautiful location on an

Location arm of the Chesapeake Bay near Fort Monroe, where the School could have the advantage of being near both its northern and southern neighbors. The School began in some old hospital barracks with two teachers and fifteen pupils. Since then it has grown to an institution comprising over fifty buildings and with property worth \$600,000. Ten of its buildings have cost an average of \$50,000 each.

Buildings

Besides dormitories, school buildings, library, hospital, gymnasium and church, it has sixteen different trade shops, a large saw and planing mill, a trade school, a domestic science and agriculture building and two large farms well cultivated and stocked. All buildings are lighted by electricity and heated by steam.

Attendance

There are under instruction every year about 1000 students—450 young men and women of the Negro race and 140 Indians as boarders, and 390 children from the neighborhood in the primary and model day schools.

Departments

The Institute has five departments, the Normal, Business, Academic, Trade and Agricultural. The Normal and Business courses are post-graduate, and prepare Academic graduates, or those of equal grade, for the profession of teaching or

general business. The Normal work is of a high grade, carefully arranged and designed to prepare teachers for superior positions in their profession. Special advantages are offered to women of education and experience who wish to prepare for the positions of lady principal or matron. Business pupils have, besides class room instruction, special practice in the business offices and industries of the Institute.

Academic The Academic Department has a day and night school of three classes each: Senior, Middle and Junior. Day students attend school four days in the week and work one or two days. Night students work all day and attend school five evenings in the week. Besides the regular studies of the class room, instruction is given in singing, drawing, gymnastics, manual training, agriculture, cooking, sewing, laundering and housework.

Trades The trade courses usually occupy three years. The first year is, as a rule, spent in the Trade School, the second in one of the regular shops to get an idea of the business side of the work, and the third in the Trade School where the course is completed. A trade certificate is awarded all who complete the trade satisfactorily.

The trades for the boys are carpentry, cabinet making, bricklaying, plastering, wheelwrighting, blacksmithing, painting, machine work, steam engineering, tailoring, shoe and harness making, tin smithing and printing.

Wood-turning is given with some trades and mechanical drawing in connection with all trades requiring it.

Special courses in dressmaking, tailoring, millinery, cooking, laundering and dairying are arranged in the Domestic Science building for girls capable of passing the Senior exami-

nations, who wish to prepare themselves to teach these branches.

Agriculture The facilities for teaching agriculture at Hampton are now very complete. Six large classrooms in the new Domestic Science building are fitted up for museum and lecture rooms, chemical laboratory, botanical and horticultural laboratory with conservatory, farm engineering, dairy, and farm laboratory.

An experiment and illustration field of twenty acres includes an orchard and fruit garden, a model four acre farm, and ground for plot experiments.

Two green houses and forty acres of lawns, roads and flower beds, two farms of 750 acres equipped with buildings and tools, 150 head of dairy stock, 40 horses, pigs, poultry, etc., furnish ground and material for a varied practice outside the class room.

Applicants The School can take only about 450 colored boarding pupils. Its standard of merit is high. Only those who are in earnest and mean to make a success should apply. Four hundred applications were refused last year.

To enter the School one must be at least 16 years of age, and should possess good health, intelligence, and a willingness to work. Any one wishing to enter should write to the Principal for an application paper. This will be sent him to fill out and return. If he can be admitted, a card telling him so will be sent.

Expenses A Scholarship of \$70, covering the tuition, is allowed each deserving pupil, but he should be able to pay his board of \$10 a month in money or in labor, \$10 for the entrance fee, and have enough for traveling expenses and clothing besides.

The boys are formed into six military companies, and are required to wear the School uniform.

Graduates Hampton has nearly a thousand graduates; Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee is probably the best known among them, but many others have become influential leaders, and ninety per cent have taught in the schools of the South, doing good work in the church and community.

Institutes Hampton opens her doors every summer to the Teachers' Institute, and the best talent is employed to conduct the work. Special courses are arranged for teachers and others who desire to take up the study of agriculture, domestic science, the trades or manual training.

Conferences A Conference is held during the last three days of the Institute, at which all questions of vital interest to the Negro are discussed by the ablest men and women of the race.

Southern Workman The School publishes a monthly magazine, the "Southern Workman," which endeavors to keep its readers informed on all topics of interest to the race. Subscription \$1.00 a year; to Hampton students 50 cents.